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VP Bereitschaft Level

1. Political surveillance in a VP Bereitschaft is vested in the PK chief (Polit-Kultur officer), who usually holds the same rank as the commanding officer and who has the official position of first deputy CO. Actually, however, the functions of the PK chief of a Bereitschaft make him superior to the commanding officer, and he cooperates closely with the Soviet control officer of the Bereitschaft.
2. The PK chief has several associates. One is an officer known as the Bereitschaftspropagandist whose job is to build up and maintain an effective system of political surveillance and to bring all matters relative to political surveillance to the attention of the PK chief. Another, the party secretary, also an officer, conducts the political work of the Bereitschaft's SED group and reports to the PK section on all incidents occurring during political classes. The FDJ secretary, an officer who conducts the political work of the Bereitschaft's FDJ group, is a third associate.

VP Kommando or Company Level

3. Each commanding officer of a Kommando belonging to a VP Bereitschaft or of a company belonging to a VP school has working with him a PK-Leiter who exercises political surveillance at his level and who is to report to the PK chief of the Bereitschaft or school. The PK Leiter is assisted by a party secretary and an FDJ secretary whose positions are not authorized by the G/O.

## Abteilung Level

4. The Abteilung is the lowest tactical unit to which a PR Letter is assigned. He does the minute work of political surveillance and organizes agitation groups of police whose identity must remain secret to the other personnel of the Abteilung. The members of the agitation groups are distributed through the squad-rooms. These men are to listen to the conversations of the fellow-police there and on town leave. They are to report their findings to the Abteilung's id. center at regular intervals. \*

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\* ~~Comment.~~ The report clearly indicates that the functions of the PK representatives also include secret political surveillance such as is now done in the Soviet Army by the OO-MGB (Special Division - Ministry of State Security) and which was previously performed by the counterintelligence agencies of the GUKR-SMERSH (Main Administration for CI - Death to the Spies). It has not been determined whether the SOO of the Soviet Zone Ministry of State Security also has agents in the VP Bereit-schaften.

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